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11. (C) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS GREATLY APPRECIATE THE TWO REFTELS ON PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES AND THE POLITICAL DYNAMICS SURROUNDING THE MAY 2010 ELECTIONS. REFTELS PROVIDED ANALYSTS WITH A BETTER PERSPECTIVE ON CURRENT ELECTION ACTIVITIES IN MANILA. ANALYSTS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED POST'S DETAILED ANALYSIS OF VOTING AUTOMATION AND WILD CARD FACTORS; THIS ANALYSIS EXPOSED ADDITIONAL HIDDEN FACTORS THAT COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION. REFTELS SERVE AS EXCELLENT BACKGROUNDERS ON THE 2010 ELECTIONS AND WILL HAVE EXTENDED USE AS A REFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CONTINUING REPORTING. BEST REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON. CLINTON